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Reply To: (213) 738-4601  
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August 2, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director of Mental Health

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SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR  
THE PROVISION OF SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

This is to advise your Board of the termination of the Mental Health Services Agreement – Medi-Cal Professional Services (No. MH26077) with Joseph Pruitt, Ph.D., dba Human Development Associates, Clinical And Forensic Psychology, Inc., with the County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health, effective July 25, 2007, pursuant to Paragraph 2B (1) of the Agreement, "Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party."

The Board approved Agreement formats identified on June 20, 2006, Agenda Item Number 53, in regards to the renewal of the Mental Health Services Agreement – Medi-Cal Professional Services.

MJS:RK:EM

Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Robin Kay, Ph.D.

Roderick Shaner, M.D.  
Richard Kushi  
Mike Motodani

Bd. Notif/term. J.Pruitt, Ph.D. Agrt.MH26077

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Reply To: (213) 738-2814  
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July 25, 2007

Joseph H. Pruitt, Jr., Ph.D  
Human Development Associates  
7250 Franklin Avenue, # 1115  
Los Angeles, CA 90046-3046

Dear Dr. Pruitt:

We received the letter sent to you by the California Department of Health Services prohibiting your participation in the Medi-Cal program for an indefinite period.

As I told you in our phone conversation yesterday, membership in the County of Los Angeles Local Mental Health Plan Provider Network (LMHPPN) requires that a practitioner be able to bill Medicare and Medi-Cal. Therefore, we must terminate your contract and credentials with the LMHPPN at this time.

When the State of California restores your right to serve the Medi-Cal population, you may apply for credentialing. As part of the application it will be necessary to submit for consideration all legal documents pertaining to issues, which resulted in the State's present action.

If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 738-2814.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Janes, M.N., C.N.S.

MJ:mj

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Health Services



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Joseph Henry Pruitt, Jr.  
7250 Franklin Avenue, Suite 1115  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

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Re: **Psychologist;**  
**License No. 4089.**

Dear Dr. Pruitt:

The Director of the State Department of Health Services (Department) has been notified of your March 8, 2005, misdemeanor conviction in the Los Angeles County Court (Case No. 4WL03417) for violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), and your May 7, 2002, misdemeanor conviction in the Los Angeles County Court (Case No. 2MT02596) for violation of Vehicle Code section 23109, subdivision (c), crimes determined by the Board of Psychology to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a psychologist. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14123, subdivision (a), the Director is required to suspend a provider of service for conviction of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud, abuse of the Medi-Cal program or any patient, or otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of service. (See Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 14043.36, 14123.25.)

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of the Department of Health Services, you are hereby prohibited from participating in the Medi-Cal program for an indefinite period of time, effective twenty days from the date of this letter. During the period of your suspension, no person or entity, including an employer, can submit any claims to the Medi-Cal program for items of services rendered by you. Additionally, no provider number may be issued to you or to any person, entity, or employer on your behalf prior to reinstatement by this Department to the Medi-Cal program. Any involvement by you directly or indirectly (i.e., as an office manager, administrator, or billing clerk processing or preparing claims for payment, as a salesman for medical equipment, etc., or utilizing any other provider number or group number for services rendered by you) will result in nonpayment of the Medi-Cal claim submitted. Any person who presents or causes to be presented a claim for equipment or services rendered by a person suspended from participation in the Medi-Cal program shall be subject to suspension from participation in the Medi-Cal program, the assessment of civil money penalties, and/or criminal prosecution. (See Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 14043.61, 14107,

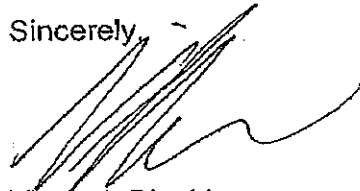
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14123.2; Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 22, §§ 51458.1, 51484, and 51485.1.) The Department will seek recoupment of any monies paid for claims presented to the Medi-Cal program for services or supplies rendered by you during the period of your suspension.

If you have any questions about this action, please submit your concerns, in writing, to Marilyn Willis, Legal Assistant, at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Vince J. Blackburn  
Staff Counsel

cc: See next page.